

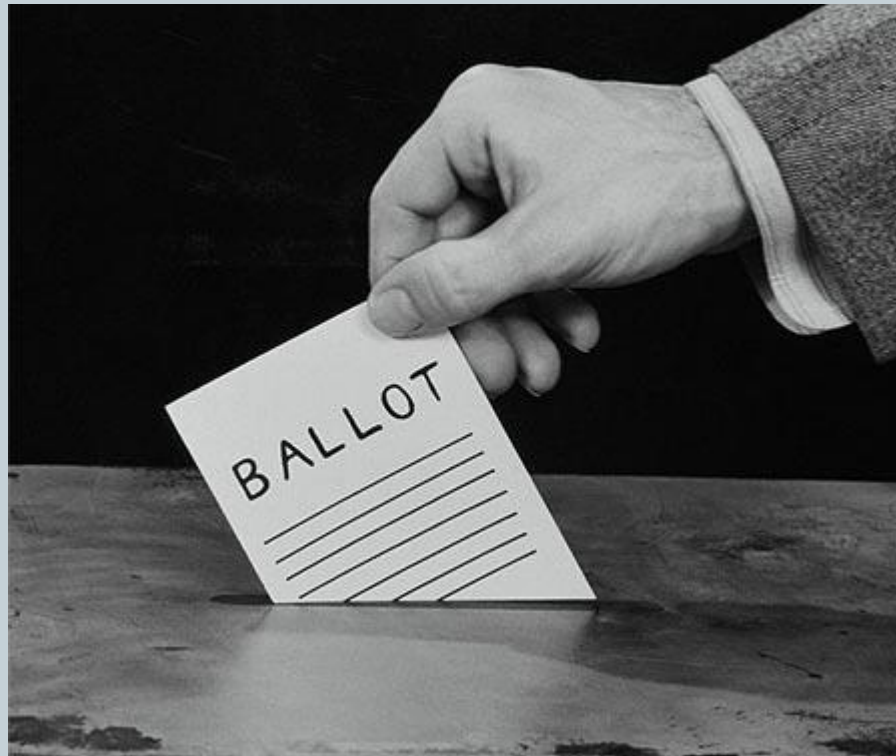
Arkansas Health Information Technology Executive Committee Meeting



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CONFERENCE CALL
11:30 AM TO 12:30 PM**

Voting Process Regarding Workgroup Recommendations



Defining Realities for AR HIE



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Workgroup Process



- **Good News:**
 - Outstanding corps of dedicated stakeholders committed to process
 - Process open for maximum participation and input
 - Gathering important and useful information
 - Believe in value of HIE concept and the need to “seize the moment”
- **Challenges:**
 - Sailing uncharted waters; never been done before
 - We have related experience BUT not THIS HIE experience
 - Difficult to maintain targeted focus on POC/Launch Phase
 - How to balance ideals for HIE with “hand we have been dealt” (realities)
- **Our Goal: Narrow our scope and target our activities to the realities of today while recognizing these realities—like technology—will change as the HIE evolves!**

Current Realities



- **Governance**
 - State to implement & manage early stages of HIE development & operation
- **Technical Infrastructure**
 - Build on existing/available statewide infrastructure capacity and resources
- **Business and Technical Operations**
 - MU/Medicaid/Public Health driven functionality for HIE
- **Legal & Policy**
 - Strategic/Op Plan Deadline requires legal & policy framework to be in place
- **Finance**
 - Limited by \$7.9M grant funds; requires search for sustainable business model; requires other HIT collaboration

Solution: “Straw Proposals” To Focus WG Activities



- Staff & Co-Chairs for each WG will develop “straw proposals” based on input & discussions to-date AND ongoing activities
- Will require vigorous WG discussion/debate about assumptions & realities driving the “straw proposals”
- Workgroups **MUST** meet and/or produce to meet deadlines & maintain progress to get recommendations to Exec. Comm. for vote
- Should expedite and focus the RFI process for more specific product and service information to drive final recommendations to Exec. Comm.